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Serial No.: 09/463,002

§ Examiner: Schultz, William C

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of February 13, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 13, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of outstanding rejections based upon the following response.

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Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Droz, et al.

Method and Apparatus for Multipoint-to-Point Transmission in an ATM Network

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Amendment and Response to Second Non-Final Office Action. X

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Respectfully submitted,

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